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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended): A computer user interface device, for use by a user for communicating information to a computer, the user interface device comprising:

a keyboard module for producing keyboard user function signals based on user input operations;

a specialty module ~~cooperatively~~ directly couplable to said keyboard module for producing a specialized set of user function signals based on user input operations; and

circuitry, on said specialty module, for coupling the ~~first~~ keyboard and ~~second~~ specialized user function signals to the computer.

2-4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 1, wherein the keyboard module includes[[:]] a mechanical coupling structure; and

the specialty module includes a mechanical coupling structure, complementary with the mechanical coupling structure on the keyboard module.

6. (previously presented): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 5, wherein one of the mechanical coupling structures includes a cavity.

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7. (previously presented): The computer user interface device as recited in claim 5, wherein the mechanical coupling structures include electrical connectors.

8-9 (canceled).

10. (previously presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein the computer user interface device is one of a computer keyboard device, control panel and instrument panel.

11. (previously presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein said keyboard module includes directional cursor movement keys and programmable function keys.

12. (previously presented): The computer user interface device of claim 5, wherein one of the mechanical coupling structures includes guide rails and the other of said mechanical coupling structures includes corresponding guide slots.

13. (previously presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, further comprising a locking structure for coupling and locking said keyboard module and said specialty module together.

14. (previously presented): The computer user interface device of claim 13, wherein said keyboard module includes a snap lock and said specialty module includes a snap recess which is engaged by said snap lock.

15. (previously presented): The computer user interface device of claim 1, wherein said keyboard module includes a side cavity in a central portion thereof sized to accommodate said specialty module.

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16. (currently amended): A computer user interface device, for use by a user for communicating information to a computer, the user interface device comprising:

- a first module for producing a first set of user function signals based on user input operations;
- a second module ~~cooperatively~~ directly couplable to said first module for producing a specialized set of user function signals based on user input operations;
- and
- circuitry for coupling the first and second user function signals to the computer.